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Date: December 1, 2016

To: City Council Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee

C.C. Chapin Spencer, Director of Public Works
Jeff Padgett, Public Works Commission Chairperson

From: Norman J. Baldwin, P.E. *NJB*
City Engineer/Ass't Director of Public Works

Subject: PW Staff Recommendation to Advance/Not Advance City Effort to Study opening the Rivers Edge Gate

The Department of Public Works was first approached by Ms. Joyce Walsleben December 10, 2015 to begin the process of examining the possibility of opening the existing gate located at the western most limits of Rivers Edge Drive. This led to some preliminary research by both the City Attorney's Office and myself to determine if this was possible and what the City's best and most appropriate approach would be regarding this request.

Background

Rivers Edge Drive is located in the New North End and is a paved residential street that currently has traffic signalized access off Plattsburg Avenue. There are approximately 75 units within the development, which, when constructed, was a private development. In September of 1989, the right of way within the development was deeded to the City of Burlington as is, with a locked gated access to the western most segment of Rivers Edge Drive connecting to Northview Drive. Further research identified a City Resolution, dated February 2, 1999, which did not explicitly state but suggested the City's acceptance of the following streets: Northview, Borestone and Rivers Edge Drive; there were two listed exceptions to the dedication--that the horseshoe parking lot and all the catchbasins associated with this development remain private.

In my preliminary examination of the configuration, construction and condition of the roadway network within the Rivers Edge Development, I identified issues that will require further examination prior to any formal decision to open the gate because these issues raise serious concerns about the ability of the roadway network to safely service through traffic. These issues are:

- Northview, as a connecting street to Rivers Edge, has a narrow right of way;
- Rivers Edge, the primary route through west to east, is a 3 way intersection with through traffic maneuvering to the southern-most leg of the intersection with no stop control;
- The street is narrow for two way traffic, with parking on the north side of the street;
- The street has a striped bikelane on the south side of the street, further congesting it for multi-modal use;

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- Parking currently occurs on the north side of the street, with no cars parking on the south side of the street;
- There is an absence of any marked and adopted parking restrictions or regulations;
- Without a Traffic Circulation Study, it is not readily apparent to me how opening this access would change traffic patterns and what the consequences of that decision, positive and negative, would be;
- The existing curbing is not the City's standard curbing. It is a low slung asphalt cape cod curbing that will not limit or contain traffic in the roadway in the same way as the city standard concrete curb with 7" reveal does;
- We do not know how the roadway sub-base was developed and if it can support the additional traffic. It is generally understood that the native soil condition in this development is sandy soil, that is less susceptible to frost and heaving.

As a result, I believe that to properly assess the condition of the street and determine the costs to make it safe the city would need to commission an engineering study. I estimate the cost of the study to be \$15,000-\$20,000. Prior to committing the money and resources for a study, I believe that it is important to properly inform and engage the community in a conversation about the proposal to determine whether not there is support for it and to ensure the people directly affected by this decision are aware of the request to open the gate.

As a result of my recommendation, the Mayor sent a memo, dated April 26, 2016, to Joyce providing her with guidance as to how best to proceed. The memo called on her to petition residents of Rivers Edge Drive, Borestone Lane, Forest Street and Northview Drive and obtain and files signatures from at least 30% of residents of those streets in order for the City to move ahead with an engineering study to examine the concept of opening the gate.

Since April, Ms. Walsleben has been to numerous Public Works Commission meetings, met with the Mayor at the Bagel Café, Councilors of the ward, and sought signatures from members of the public, both Rivers Edge residents and other residents of the New North End. As a result of her efforts, residents of the affected streets have been alerted to the request. As a further result, there are a substantial number of Rivers Edge residents that have organized a petition drive to keep the gate closed. I have attached for your consideration the two petitions I have received from the groups for and against opening the gate.

Ms. Walsleben's petition did not met the threshold of support outlined in the Mayor's Letter, which required that 30% of the residents of the affected offering support the opening of the street to through traffic. Her petition received one signature from one resident of Rivers Edge Drive. Her petition did receive support from 226 household of properties west of North Avenue. The opposing petition prepared by Ms. Julie Hill and other residents of Rivers Edge Drive, seeks to keep the gate closed. It received signatures of nearly all of the 109 properties identified by staff as directly affected by this decision.

Recommendation:

Based on the above discussion, I recommend that the City Council deny the request to study the concept of opening the gate and deny the opening of the gate. **To effectuate this recommendation, I recommend that:**

- **the City Council Transportation Energy and Utilities Committee (TEUC) approve the following motion: To recommend that the City Council deny the request to study the concept of opening of Rivers Edge Drive Gate and deny the request to open the gate.**
- I further recommend that the TEUC sponsor and support the following City Council motion: **To deny the request to study the concept of opening of Rivers Edge Drive Gate and deny the request to open the gate.**

Attachments:

- Mayor's Letter regarding Public Process –April 26, 2016
- Inventory of Addresses to Petition
- Joyce Walsleben Petition
- Rivers Edge Condominium Association Petition
- Correspondence from Rivers Edge Condominium Association
- Rivers Edge Deed
- City Council Resolution dated February 1, 1999
- Email Correspondence regarding the proposal to open gate



Office of Mayor Miro Weinberger

April 26, 2016

Joyce Walsleben
61 Northshore Drive
Burlington, VT 05408

Dear Joyce,

Thank you for your commitment and dedication, and for bringing the Rivers Edge Drive gate issue to our attention. For the past number of months, my office has reviewed the permit and deed documents with the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Public Works to understand the history and permitting issues involved with the project. Rivers Edge Drive was developed as a private road, and the gate was originally permitted for that reason. When the street was accepted by the City ten years later, the gate was left in place, apparently at least in part because the road did not fully meet City standards.

Generally, before considering a major traffic change and related costs in a specific neighborhood, the City would like to have a sense of the public support for the action. Therefore, as we have done in similar situations, we would suggest that if you wish to have the gate removed, you collect signatures on a petition from the affected neighbors asking the City to consider opening the gate. Generally, the City would want to see signatures from at least 30% of the properties directly impacted and an equal share of those not directly impacted that want the street examined to be opened. The directly impacted streets include: Rivers Edge Drive, Borestone Lane, Forest Street, and Northview Drive.

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If you have questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact my office or Norm Baldwin at the Department of Public Works. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miro Weinberger
Mayor

Count	St #	St Name	Unit #	City	State	Zip	
	1	0 RIVERS EDGE DR	15	Burlington	VT	05408	1
	2	0 RIVERS EDGE DR	16	Burlington	VT	05408	2
	3	0 RIVERS EDGE DR	31-32	Burlington	VT	05408	3
	4	0 RIVERS EDGE DR	41-44	Burlington	VT	05408	4
	5	0 RIVERS EDGE DR	6	Burlington	VT	05408	5
	6	0 RIVERS EDGE DR	7	Burlington	VT	05408	6
	7	13 RIVERS EDGE DR		Burlington	VT	05408	7
	8	17 RIVERS EDGE DR		Burlington	VT	05408	8
	9	100 RIVERS EDGE DR		Burlington	VT	05408	9
	10	101 RIVERS EDGE DR	28	Burlington	VT	05408	10
	11	103 RIVERS EDGE DR	27	Burlington	VT	05408	11
	12	104 RIVERS EDGE DR		Burlington	VT	05408	12
	13	105 RIVERS EDGE DR	26	Burlington	VT	05408	13
	14	107 RIVERS EDGE DR	25	Burlington	VT	05408	14
	15	108 RIVERS EDGE DR		Burlington	VT	05408	15
	16	111 RIVERS EDGE DR	24	Burlington	VT	05408	16
	17	112 RIVERS EDGE DR		Burlington	VT	05408	17
	18	113 RIVERS EDGE DR	23	Burlington	VT	05408	18
	19	115 RIVERS EDGE DR	22	Burlington	VT	05408	19
	20	117 RIVERS EDGE DR	21	Burlington	VT	05408	20
	21	121 RIVERS EDGE DR	20	Burlington	VT	05408	21
	22	123 RIVERS EDGE DR	19	Burlington	VT	05408	22
	23	125 RIVERS EDGE DR	18	Burlington	VT	05408	23
	24	127 RIVERS EDGE DR	17	Burlington	VT	05408	24
	25	151 RIVERS EDGE DR	53	Burlington	VT	05408	25
	26	153 RIVERS EDGE DR	54	Burlington	VT	05408	26
	27	155 RIVERS EDGE DR	55	Burlington	VT	05408	27
	28	157 RIVERS EDGE DR	56	Burlington	VT	05408	28
	29	161 RIVERS EDGE DR	57	Burlington	VT	05408	29
	30	163 RIVERS EDGE DR	58	Burlington	VT	05408	30
	31	165 RIVERS EDGE DR	59	Burlington	VT	05408	31
	32	167 RIVERS EDGE DR	60	Burlington	VT	05408	32
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	34	3 BORESTONE LN	2	Burlington	VT	05408	2
	35	5 BORESTONE LN	3	Burlington	VT	05408	3
	36	7 BORESTONE LN	4	Burlington	VT	05408	4
	37	9 BORESTONE LN	5	Burlington	VT	05408	5
	38	11 BORESTONE LN	6	Burlington	VT	05408	6
	39	13 BORESTONE LN	7	Burlington	VT	05408	7
	40	15 BORESTONE LN	8	Burlington	VT	05408	8
	41	16 BORESTONE LN	29	Burlington	VT	05408	9
	42	18 BORESTONE LN	30	Burlington	VT	05408	10
	43	20 BORESTONE LN	31	Burlington	VT	05408	11
	44	22 BORESTONE LN	32	Burlington	VT	05408	12
	45	24 BORESTONE LN	33	Burlington	VT	05408	13
	46	26 BORESTONE LN	34	Burlington	VT	05408	14

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107	1984 NORTH AVE		Burlington VT	05408		
108	1984 NORTH AVE	REAR	Burlington VT	05408		
109	2000 NORTH AVE		Burlington VT	05408		

**Joyce A. Walsleben
61 Northshore Dr
Burlington, VT 05408
917.355.6261**

September 17, 2016

Mayor Miro Weinberger
City Hall - 149 Church St
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Mayor Weinberger,

The attached petition and information is in response to your letter of April 26, 2016, (attached) regarding my request to open the interconnecting streets of Northview Dr. (connected also with Forest and Woods Streets) and Rivers Edge Drive in Burlington. I have included a copy of my letter of 3/2/16 which more fully outlines my request and activity from 12/3/16 until that time.

Methods: Residents were contacted at their homes or at public places such as the Marathon and the local food trucks. If they lived north of Barley Rd, the petition was explained using a map of the area as needed. Questions were answered. Efforts were made to assure that the residents saw the opening as important for safety not convenience. At least one adult living in the unit was asked to sign. Only units were counted, although in some cases, more than one resident asked to sign. Therefore, more signatures than units will be noted.

Results: At this point in time, residents of 238 units (north of Simms St) have been successfully contacted and those of 224 units have agreed to sign the petition. The overwhelming rate of acceptance is 94% for units on the west side of North Ave and 30% for those on the east. *The caveat being that only seven units were approached on the east and only residents of two units signed.* Those two residents had been approached prior to an effort by Rivers Edge Association to defeat any chance of success for the petition there.

Discussion: Unfortunately, someone roiled the residents on the east side of North Ave with information I had shared. Flyers against the petition were distributed. Residents of Rivers Edge were prepared in advance: Each repeated verbatim the same arguments against opening the gate. As a group they believe 'no emergency incidents have ever occurred and therefore none will occur in the future' which demand the gate to be opened. They evidently allow the children to play in the streets and are concerned about traffic. We sincerely sympathize with that. However, there was a complete refusal to discuss compromise. When we suggested an emergency situation such as a person with a heart attack at 4 AM needing an ambulance when North Ave is blocked by a fallen tree or wire, the answer was, "Well, I guess you would die!" Another suggested if we 'don't feel safe, we should move'. They do not believe the roads are fully connected and owned by the city.

Two of their older residents are sure the gate was meant to be permanent. On the other hand, information from older residents on the west side of North Ave disputes the permanency of the gate, relaying their expectation of removal when the building was done. Despite an informative discussion with a Rivers Edge board member, the level of animosity and the lack of any interest in compromise precluded my feeling safe enough to continue attempting a petition there.

Overall there appears to be a real need to address the definition of 'emergencies'. There have been five emergencies/incidents raised by residents during which no attempt to open the gate or divert traffic occurred.

1) A large fire at North Gate occurred during its construction and residents north of the fire were shunted up North Ave to the lake until it was brought under control. Those south of the fire couldn't move because of emergency traffic.

2) There had been a deadly crash where a car was split in half having hit a tree by North Gate. North Ave was closed. Residents were forced to walk their children past the scene on their way to Flynn school. Opening the gate would have allowed them to avoid the area.

3) More recently, there was a major car crash around Starr Farm road which shut down the intersection of North Ave and Plattsburgh Ave. Cars were backed up all around the intersection, down North Ave and up Plattsburgh Ave for almost two hours before being guided towards the lake and around the Flynn school yard. Two of my neighbors, each of whom had run to the drug store for a very ill spouse left at home, were caught in that. One was able to get to Turf and drive against the flow on the one way street, the other was told to sit in her car and wait.

4) There was a recent lockdown at the Flynn school which locked up the road for over an hour. Cars were not able to reach Barley Rd to leave the area.

5) Each year, during the marathon, when we have added thousands of people and are essentially locked in place for hours, the ambulances and emergency vehicles repeatedly make their way loudly up and down our section of North Ave, causing concern for runners and watchers while no attempt to at least temporarily open the gate and allow shorter, safer access is made.

Conclusion: How does the city justify locking an interconnecting roadway and effectively trapping residents of 770 housing units to use a one mile long roadway for ingress and egress? I am hopeful that you will take the petition into consideration to rectify this issue as promised.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

Re: Walsleben letter to mayor Weinberger 9.18.16

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Map
- 2) Information sheet on roadway history and concerns
- 3) Letter to me from Mayor dated 4.26.2016
- 4) Petition - 15 pages
- 5) Letter to mayor dated 3.2.2016

PETITION: to eliminate the locked gate on Northview Dr and Rivers Edge Dr.

- To address the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the 770+ residential lots serviced by North Avenue north of Barley Road.
- To augment the ingress and egress capacity to said residents, by eliminating the locked gate on the public roadway designated as Northview Drive where it joins Rivers Edge Drive.
- To honor the original intent of the agreement with the City of Burlington to remove said gate when the roadway was accepted by the city.
- To bring the area closer to compliance with nationally accepted norms for interconnectivity for emergency services and evacuation.

We the undersigned request the City of Burlington to take the necessary steps to eliminate the locked gate at Northview Drive where it joins Rivers Edge Drive, and open the roadway to two-way neighborhood vehicle passage.

DATE	PRINT NAME	PRINT ADDRESS	Signature
4/27/16	JOHN SWANSON	128 NORTH SHORE DR	[Signature]
4/27/16	Elizabeth Watson	132 NORTH Shore Dr.	[Signature]
4/27/16	ROSE WATSON	132 NORTH SHORE DR	[Signature]
4/27/16	Tom Swanson	118 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/13/16	Betsy Catanzaro	10 Northshore Dr.	Betsy Catanzaro
5/14/16	Linnea Taylor	7 Northshore Dr.	Linnea Taylor
5/14/16	Ditcher Carlson	54 Northshore Dr.	Burlington VT
5/14/16	Gary Corbin	54 Northshore Dr.	Burlington VT
5/15/16	Jackie Hawks	59 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/15/16	Peter HAWKS	59 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/15/16	Debra Dodge	57 Northshore Dr.	Debra Dodge
5/15/16	Catherine Conner	55 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/15/16	Suzanne Althoff	42 Northshore Dr.	Suzanne Althoff
5/15/16	Olga Althoff	42 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/15/16	PATRY LEE	32 NORTHSHORE DR	[Signature]
5/15/16	PAUL LEE	32 NORTHSHORE DR	[Signature]
5/15/16	H. Hoden	23 Northshore	[Signature]
5/15/16	Emily [unclear]	18 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	Pauline Gervais	15 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/15/16	JOAN V CARSON	11 NORTHSHORE DR.	[Signature]
5/15/16	Janice Hughes	9 Northshore Dr	Janice Hughes
5/15/16	David C. Inert	8 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/15/16	MAZIE ANN DICK	8 NORTHSHORE DR	[Signature]
5/15	Jean Jordan	3 Northshore	[Signature]
5/16/16	Faye Lawes	14 Hardy Ave	Faye Lawes
5/16/16	Wanda Davis	20 Hardy Ave	Wanda M. Davis
5/17/16	Elizabeth Dusablon	76 Hardy Ave.	Elizabeth Dusablon
5/17/16	Adrian [unclear]	28 Hardy Ave	[Signature]
5/17/16	Brianne Waller	84 Hardy Avenue	[Signature]

units: 23
Signatures: 29

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DATE	PRINT NAME	PRINT ADDRESS	Signature
5/17/16	Shirley Willingham	123 Northshore Dr.	Shirley Willingham
5/17/16	Elisbeth Mado	120 "	Elisbeth Mado
5/17/16	GABRIELLA KARSCH	124 Northshore Dr.	Gabriella Karsch
5/17/16	Margaret Gelinis	121 Northshore Dr.	Margaret Gelinis
5/18/16	GILDA BIGGS	103 NORTH SHORE	Gilda Biggs
5/18/16	Daniel Biggs	103 North Shore Dr.	Daniel Biggs
5/18/16	Alexander Zelnick	119 North Shore Dr.	Alexander Zelnick
5/18/16	Margy Zelnick	" "	Margy Zelnick
5/18/16	Jessie Raymond	84 Northshore Dr.	Jessie Raymond
5/21/16	Matt Scott	127 Claire Pointe Rd	Matt Scott
5/21/16	Lucas Mullally	115 Claire Pointe Rd	Lucas Mullally
5/21/16	Liza Smith-Vedder	111 Claire Pointe Rd	Liza Smith-Vedder
5/21/16	Nicole Gagnon	123 Claire Pointe Rd	Nicole Gagnon
5/21/16	Joe Gagnon	123 CLAIRES POINTE RD.	Joe Gagnon
5/21/16	UM Paul	87 Claire Pt. Rd.	UM Paul
5/23/16	Michael McBee	6 Hardy Ave	Michael McBee
5/23/16	Theresa	34 Hardy	Theresa
5/23/16	Helen F. Goss	42 Hardy Ave	Helen F. Goss
5/23/16	Diana Blon	43 Hardy Ave	Diana Blon
5/23/16	Francis Gault	10 Hardy Ave	Francis Gault
5/23/16	Jana Lafayette	98 Hardy Ave	Jana Lafayette
5/23/16	Libby Branch	93 Hardy Ave	Libby Branch
5/23/16	Janice H. Young	101 Hardy Ave	Janice H. Young
5/23/16	Thomas P. Gault	119 Hardy Ave	Thomas P. Gault
5/23/16	Louise Blanchard	112 Hardy Ave	Louise Blanchard
5/23/16	Larry Blanchard	112 HARDY AVE	Larry Blanchard
5/24/16	Josanna Cole	108 Rivers Edge Dr.	Josanna Cole
5/29/16	Robert LaPointe	2048 North Ave.	Robert LaPointe

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Bumts
1 unit Rivers Edge

Pls sign only once!

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5/18/16	Linda Greer	79 Northshore Dr.	Linda Greer
5/18/16	GLOYD LACASSE	74 Northshore Dr	Gloyd Lacasse
"	JANICE CLEMENTS	63 NORTHSORE DR.	Janice Clements
"	FRANK WILLIS	86 NORTHSORE DR	Frank Willis
"	Shirley Willis	86 NORTHSORE DR	Shirley Willis
"	Sally Charnick	29 Northshore Dr.	Sally Charnick
5/18/16	Rm. Ruffell	135 Northshore Dr.	Rm. Ruffell
5/18/16	Glenn Fay, Jr	27 Northshore	Glenn Fay, Jr
5/18/16	JACK BREMER	96 Northshore	Jack Bremer
5/18/16	Lilly Li	96 Northshore	Lilly Li
5-18-16	Jean Rook	56 Northshore	Jean Rook
5/18/16	Howard Smith	101 Northshore	Howard Smith
5/18/16	PAT GUINLAN	130 NORTHSORE DR.	Pat Guinlan
5/18/16	VIRGINIA HOOD	25 Northshore Drive	Virginia Hood
5/18/16	ELIZABETH MILES	127 Northshore Drive	Elizabeth A. Miles
5/18/16	LARISA DEVOST	62 NORTHSORE DRIVE	Larisa Devost
5/18/16	W. Stephen Yaw	23 Northshore Dr.	W. Stephen Yaw
5/18/16	Natalie Tugary	12 Northshore Dr.	Natalie Tugary
5/18/16	Jeanne Marie Berger	75 NORTHSORE DR	Jeanne Marie Berger
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5/18/16	LISA DAIGE	87 Northshore Drive	Lisa Daige
5/18/16	Helen Wertman	109 Northshore Dr.	Helen Wertman
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5/29/16	Carrie McClellan	2044 N. Ave	Carrie McClellan
5/29/16	Kegan Reed	2056 North Ave	Kegan Reed
5/29/16	Nicola Dnscoli	2056 North Ave.	Nicola Dnscoli
5/29/16	Heather Wick	2069 North Ave.	Heather Wick
5/29/16	Sonja Yachovetsky	2069 North Ave.	Sonja Yachovetsky
5-29-16	Margaret Gundersen	2089 North Ave.	Margaret Gundersen

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5/17/16	Tim Rouille	90 HARDY AVE	Tim Rouille
5/17/16	JOE Baylen	106 HARDY AVE	Joe Baylen
5/17/16	George Carlet Jr.	35 Derling Dr	George Carlet Jr.
5/17/16	Erin Dion	71 HARDY AV	Erin Dion
5/17/16	John Day	35 Hardy Ave	John Day
5/17/16	Sarah Cohen	35 Hardy Ave	Sarah Cohen
5/17/16	Lisa Tulko	21 Hardy Ave	Lisa Tulko
5/17/16	Cassandra Montminy	5 Hardy Ave	Cassandra Montminy
5/17/16	Keith Cunningham	5 Hardy Ave	Keith Cunningham
5/17/16	Christopher Liddle	39 Westward Dr	Christopher Liddle
5/17/16	Hillary Liddle	39 Westward Dr	Hillary Liddle
5-18-16	Phyllis Whitcomb	26 North Shore Dr	Phyllis Whitcomb
5.29.16	Lucy B. Masters	35 Northshore Dr	Lucy B. Masters
5.29.16	Ashley Taylor	15 Northgate Rd	Ashley Taylor
5.29.16	Ani La Bosh	66 Northshore Dr	Ani La Bosh
5.29	CONDA - ECHA	36 Northgate Rd	CONDA
5/29	Jackie Dodge	18 Northgate	Jackie Dodge
5/29	Almira Kadric	6 Northgate Rd	Almira Kadric
5.29	ALMIRA BASIC	73 NORTHGATE RD.	Almira Basic
5/29	Shawn Hafnagay	74 Northgate	Shawn Hafnagay
5/29	Michelle Benedict	72 Northgate Rd	Michelle Benedict
5.29	Linda Romeo	51 Northgate Rd	Linda Romeo
5/29	Theresa Smart	217 Northgate Rd	Theresa Smart
5/29	Amanda Moore	91 Northgate Rd	Amanda Moore
5/29	Lynne P. Koberle	812 Northgate Rd	Lynne P. Koberle
5/29	Daniel Trand	113 Northgate Rd	Daniel Trand
5/29	Samantha Olio	302 Northgate Rd	Samantha Olio

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5/21/16	Elizabeth Webb	45 Claire Pointe	[Signature]
	Bill DAVISON	55 Claire Pointe	[Signature]
5/21/16	RAY STEAMER	59 Claire Pointe	[Signature]
5/21/16	BROOKE LOCKWOOD-Lo	33 CLAIRE Pointe Rd, Burl	[Signature]
5/21/16	Touham Paul	87 Claire Pointe Rd	[Signature]
5/29/16	Isaiah Keepin	19 Woods St	[Signature]
5-29-16	JARA Goldstein	1936 North Ave.	[Signature]
5-29-16	Bobbi Harkins	1936 N. AVE	[Signature]
5/29/16	Melinda K-Lo	33 Northgate	[Signature]
5/29/16	Juana Jaramila	301 Northgate R.D	[Signature]
5/29/16	Juan Jaramila	301 Northgate RD.	[Signature]
5/29/16	Alvin Jaramila	301 Northgate RD.	[Signature]
5/29/16	ADAM KABLAR	33 NORTHGATE	[Signature]
5/29/16	MARIA IOANA	113 NORTHGATE RD	[Signature]
5/29/16	Sandra Griffin	402 Northgate Rd	[Signature]
5/29/16	Ken Grady	1928 North Ave	[Signature]
5/29/16	Ellen Lascelle	88 Northshore	[Signature]
5-29-16	Bob LASCELLE	88 North Shore Drive	[Signature]
5-30-16	Jon ANDRUS	94 Northshore	[Signature]
5-30-16	Susan B. Leavitt	94 Northshore	[Signature]
5-30-16	DAN KRE DEHNE	104 Northshore	[Signature]
5-30-16	Kolard Dehne	104 Northshore	[Signature]
6-1-16	J. P. Nette	446 North Shore Dr	[Signature]
6-1-16	Dana Corey	319 Northgate Rd.	[Signature]
6-1-16	Lecan Lund	3768 Spearhead Charlotte	[Signature]
6-1-16	Devon Mullen	351 Northgate Rd	[Signature]

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6/1/16	Nikki Eino	250 Northgate Rd	Nikki Eino
6/1/16	Jamie L Savard	244 Northgate Rd	Jamie L Savard
6/1/16	Brittany Robertson	129 Northgate Rd	Brittany Robertson
6/1/16	Crystal Sandlin	129 Northgate Rd	Crystal Sandlin
6-1-16	Anthony Sordoff	244 Northgate Rd	Anthony Sordoff
6/1/2016	Rodresco Corey	42 Westhaven Dr	Rodresco Corey
6/1/2016	Ksenia Ursu	241 NORTHGATE	Ksenia Ursu
6/1/2016	Melissa Mukunda	341 NORTHGATE	Melissa Mukunda
6-1-16	ASNAF. BOUNSAHA	255 NORTHGATE	ASNAF. BOUNSAHA
6-1-16	Sarah Buhl	247 Northgate Rd.	Sarah Buhl
6-1-16	Dawa Rimang	241 Northgate Rd	Dawa Rimang
6-1-16	Svetlana Ursu	222 Northgate Rd	Svetlana Ursu
6-1-16	Shannon Moniere	358 Northgate Rd	Shannon Moniere
6-1-16	Jadwiga Osmancevic	71 Northgate Rd	Jadwiga Osmancevic
6-1-16	JENNIFER OSMANCEVIC	210 Northgate Rd.	JENNIFER OSMANCEVIC
6-1-16	Rebekah Tucker	215 Northgate Rd.	Rebekah Tucker
6-1-16	Claire Brunell	214 Northgate Rd	Claire Brunell
6-1-16	LEDEE PIERRE	42 " "	LEDEE PIERRE
6-1-16	Robert Bernard	342 " "	Robert Bernard
6-1-16	Heather Newcomb	242 Northgate Rd.	Heather Newcomb
6/1/16	Michael Lot	104 Northgate Rd	Michael Lot
6/1/16	Tabillon Bravie	229 Northgate Rd.	Tabillon Bravie
6/1/16	Mary Ballou	225 FAIRBANKS	MARY BALLOU
6/3/16	Traci Barrett	30 Northshore	Traci Barrett
6.3.16	Steve Di Carolis	2 NORTHSHORE DR	Steve Di Carolis
6.3.16	Casen Lyon	23 Derway Dr	Casen Lyon
6.4.16	Kim Ward.	3065 North Ave	Kim Ward

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5/15/16	Georgia Cumming	73 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	JOANNE MUEHLBERGER	75 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	HOWARD MUEHLBERGER	75 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	KENTIN PETTIT	73 Northshore	[Signature]
5/15/16	Jane Heins	78 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	Nancy LaCasse	74 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/26/16	Carol Marano	71 North Shore	[Signature]
5/26/16	John HARRAD	92 North Shore	[Signature]
5/26/16	Eleanor McCole	95 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/26/16	Morella DeVost	64 Northshore Dr Burlington	[Signature]
6/3/16	Dorothy McIntyre	131 Northshore Dr. 3TV	[Signature]
8/29/16	SEAN McDONOUGH	14 DEWEY DRIVE, BURL	[Signature]
8/29/16	Mary Eutnam	25 Wing St	[Signature]
8/29/16	TRACY BADE	10 WING ST	[Signature]
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8/29/16	Jordan Taylor	26 Edson St	[Signature]
8/29/16	P. Porter	23 Edson St	[Signature]
8/29/16	RON MEUNIER	23 EDSON ST.	[Signature]
8/29/16	VIRGINIA KINGEY	36 EDSON ST	[Signature]
8/29/16	Kristopher Dandelion	26 Dewey Dr.	[Signature]
8/29/16	Patti Racine	1877 North Ave.	[Signature]
8/29/16	Karin Fuglestad	1885 North Ave	[Signature]
9/15/16	Joyce Walsleben	61 Northshore Dr	[Signature]

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4/28/16	Edward Lalonde	112 NORTHSHORE	Edward Lalonde
4/28/16	Eric Corbman	67 Northshore	Eric Corbman
4/28/16	Bruce Nelson	12 Northshore	Bruce Nelson
4/28/16	Karen Corbman	67 Northshore	Karen Corbman
4/28/16	Wendy Anderson	6 Northshore Dr.	Wendy Anderson
4/28/16	Donna Sutton FAN	27 Northshore Dr	Donna Sutton FAN
4/28/16	PATRICIA Mac CUBBIN	38 NORTHSHORE DR	Patricia Mac CUBBIN
4/28/16	Michael Dumont	13 Northshore	Michael Dumont
5/13/16	Kevin Spaulding	40 Northshore	Kevin Spaulding
5/13/16	Benjamin Watts	40 Northshore	Benjamin Watts
5/13/16	Cecily Dwyer	4 Northshore	Cecily Dwyer
5/13/16	Michelle Cooper	4 North Shore	Michelle Cooper
5/14/16	Mary Romany	53 Northshore Dr.	Mary Romany
5/14/16	Frank E. Romany	53 Northshore Dr.	Frank E. Romany
5/14/16	Michael Gilman	48 Northshore Dr.	Michael Gilman
5/14/16	Kevin Gallagher	48 Northshore Dr.	Kevin Gallagher
5/14/16	FREDERICK B. BERGER	44 NORTHSHORE DR	FREDERICK B. BERGER
5/14/16	STEVE J. BURMAN	47 NORTHSHORE DR	STEVE J. BURMAN
5/14/16	MIGUEL A. Bernard-Rivera	37 Northshore Dr.	Miguel A. Bernard-Rivera
5/14/16	Guadalupe	33 NORTHSHORE DR	Guadalupe
5/14/16	Diana Agnew	31 Northshore	Diana Agnew
5/14/16	Gusta N. Johnson	28 Northshore Dr.	Gusta N. Johnson
5/14/16	James Bradbeer	23 Northshore Dr.	James Bradbeer
5/14/16	David Redd-Bradbeer	22 Northshore Dr.	David Redd-Bradbeer
5/14/16	Cathy Niof	20 Northshore Dr.	Cathy Niof
5/14/16	Leslie Tuite	122 North Ave	Leslie Tuite (STARFAR)
5/14/16	Thomas Done	16 Northshore	Thomas Done
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5/21/16	KATY KENT	89 " " "	<i>[Signature]</i>
5-25-16	Donna Turnbrough	74 Fairfords Dr	<i>[Signature]</i>
5-25-16	Joan Cocceffo	75 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
5-25-16	Angela Gons	77 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
5/2/16	DONALD CURTIS	116 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
5/25/16	Donna Curtis	116 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
5/25/16	Andrew Faircloth	69 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
5/25/16	Myron Fairsworth	69 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
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6-14-16	CANN TAYLOR	1847 NORTH AVE	<i>[Signature]</i>
6/4/16	Neil Darling	1844 North Avenue	<i>[Signature]</i>
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6/5/16	Deborah Farley	65 Northshore Dr., Burlington	Deborah Farley
6/15/16	Gardner Union	66 Northshore Dr., Burlington	Gardner Union
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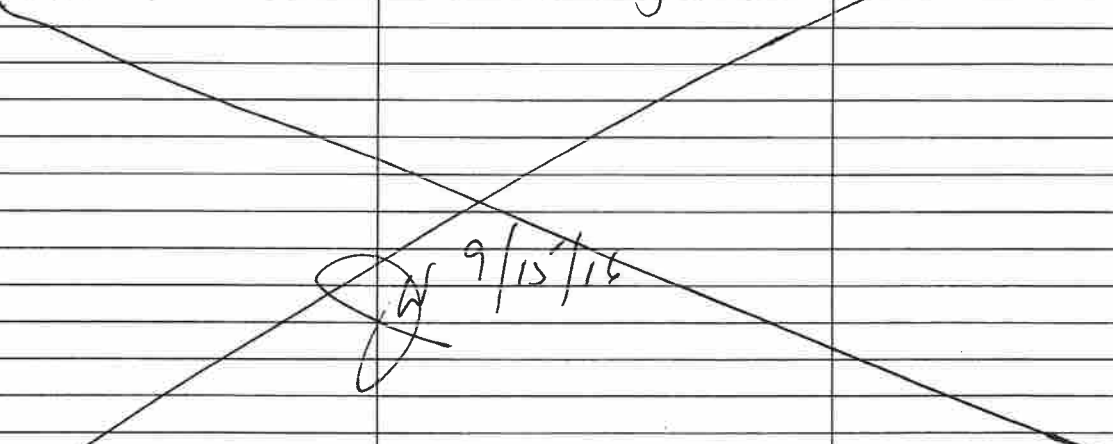
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5-20	steve Jaramillo	128 Northgate Road	<i>Steve Jaramillo</i>
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	Clarence S Nutter	9 Claire Pt Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
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6/4/16	Lane Gunderson	37 Fairmont Pl	Lane Gunderson
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Mayor Miro Weinberger
149 Church St
Burlington VT 05401

Dear Mayor Weinberger,

I would like to thank you and your staff for meeting with me on the following occasions regarding the opening of the locked gate on Northview Drive preventing interconnectivity into Rivers Edge Drive in the New North End.

12.3.2015	Meeting with Mayor Weinberger and Jordan Redell at the Bagel café
12.7.2015	Meeting with Jay Appleton for census
	Various meetings/conversations with councilor Tom Ayres
1.6.2016	Meeting with Mayor Weinberger and Jordan Redell
1.15.2016	Meeting with Norm Baldwin – DPW
1.20.2016	DPW presentation
2.11.2016	Meeting with Councilor Dave Hartnett
	Meeting with the Fire marshal
2.17.2016	DPW meeting – spoke with Norm Baldwin
2.24.2016	Meeting with Mayor Weinberger, Jordan Redell, Dave Hartnett, Tom Ayers (café)
	NPA meeting later than evening
3.1.2016	Meeting with North Gate condo management
3.2.2016	Meeting with Mayor Weinberger, Jordan Redell, and others at café

Let me reiterate that per ITE Neighborhood Street Design Guidelines, current 2010 edition, section 4.6.2:

It is recommended that dead end streets (only one outlet) be no longer than 1000' and serve no more than 30 dwelling units. Within an otherwise connected street network, the length of dead end streets should be restricted to no longer than 200'.

The referenced guideline is, in part, to ensure adequate emergency response; to avoid conditions where events in the roadway restrict first responders from reaching residential units. Interconnectivity of roadways ensures that multiple avenues of ingress and egress exist for first responders getting in and residents evacuating out. The existing condition has North Avenue above Barley Road as one large 'no outlet' condition.

Northview Drive can provide the necessary interconnectivity and therefore provide relief for the area. However, the roadway is gated and locked, eliminating it as an interconnection, thus jeopardizing the health, safety and welfare of the citizens residing in the affected area, not to mention any business or visitors in the area during a crisis.

It is unconscionable that a single incident at or above Barley Rd and North Avenue could result in North Avenue being blocked, which would eliminate any and all passage of motor vehicles, be they neighborhood cars, or emergency vehicles. That single incident may be a car crash, downed tree or electrical wire, gas or water line failure, school lock down or fire. Whatever the blocking event is, the result will be the same. No emergency vehicle could get into the affected area and no residents would be able to get out on that route.

I can only hope that the current alternative plan for emergency responders, which is to cut the bolt on the locked road, if necessary for their entry into the area, is effective and timely. The response time lost in: 1) making that decision; 2) finding the cutter; 3) and acting on it could be critical to life and death, and further jeopardizes the health, safety and welfare of the residents. This still does not help those who may need to evacuate or more simply get to work or long awaited doctor appointments in a timely fashion.

Importantly, a partial relief to this issue has been identified and brought to the city's attention. It is in the form of an existing interconnecting public street (Northview into Rivers Edge) that could provide an alternative point of ingress/egress to the affected area, but for the fact it is essentially willfully blocked by the city for no known reason. It is important to reiterate this point as no one has identified why this public roadway is gated.

As noted in the beginning of this letter, it has been three months since I first brought this to your attention. The fact that a resolution has not occurred is troubling to me. I think it is fair to say from this day forward that the City should be held responsible for any failure of timely emergency service or self-evacuation due to the limited ingress/egress to this area resulting from a locked gate on a city road.

In a time where terrorism and the issues such terrorist acts are exposing in our emergency response systems and tactics, the public is being constantly told "if you see something, say something". Well, this does not just apply to seeing potentially active threats, but also applies to the ability of first responders to answer a threat. I have pointed out a significant problem which has the potential to trap residents of over 770 housing units in our city and offered a reasonable partial correction.

This is no different from why we have a smoke alarm in every bedroom even though we have not had a fire; why we insist every building with a public area have more than one escape route. We need to be prepared.

I do sincerely thank you for your attention and direction with this problem and ask that it be resolved quickly for the health, safety and welfare of a large portion of the city.

Respectfully,

Joyce Walsleben
917.355.6261

RIVER'S EDGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION PETITION TO KEEP RIVER'S EDGE GATE

In response to a petition requesting to remove (and/or) open the locked gate at the end of River's Edge Drive.

1) Safety

Traffic would increase significantly through neighborhoods not designed for through traffic. Resident safety, especially children would be affected.

2) Lack of Proper Accommodations

Increased traffic would cause strain to roads with lack of drainage, lack of curbs, lack of sidewalks, insufficient road-width, lack of lane marks and lack of lighting. Additionally, the bike path runs along Northview Drive and River's Edge drive.

3) Redundancy

Through traffic already has accessibility via Barley Road and Turf Road. These streets were designed to accommodate traffic. Emergency services have keys to open the Emergency Gate at the end of River's Edge Drive if needed.

Why cause additional burden to all tax payers when emergency access already exists?

We the undersigned believe the gate needs to remain in place and to remain locked except for emergencies.

PETITION TO KEEP RIVER'S EDGE GATE

NAME (FIRST, LAST)	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
Kelly Cross	52 Borestone Lane	Kelly Cross
Marilyn Roy	5 Borestone Lane	Marilyn Roy
Jan Hunkhorn	5 Borestone Lane	Jan Hunkhorn
Craig Collins	16 Borestone Lane	Craig Collins
Theresa M Agnelli	44 Borestone Lane	Theresa M Agnelli
Dane H Morris	50 Borestone Lane	Dane H Morris
Shirley Weishaar	58 " "	Shirley Weishaar
Ledy Weishaar	58 " "	Ledy Weishaar
Roy Savage	58 Borestone Lane	Roy Savage
Stan Budzinski	63 Borestone LN	Stan Budzinski
Marijo Lopez	63 Borestone LN	Marijo Lopez
Joseph Palumbo	74 Borestone LN	Joseph Palumbo
Dennis LaBelle	74 Borestone LN	Dennis LaBelle
Betsy Lawrence	82 Borestone Ln.	Betsy Lawrence
David L. Baugher	84 Borestone Ln.	David L. Baugher
Joseph Erdelyi	86 Borestone Ln.	Joseph Erdelyi
France O'Brien	89 Borestone LN	France O'Brien
Danielle Parent	89 Borestone LN	Danielle Parent
Margaret Verrien	123 Rivers Edge	Margaret Verrien
A. O'Brien	121 Rivers Edge	A. O'Brien
Cristi Nimzita	121 Rivers Edge	Cristi Nimzita
Sally Ballin	107 Rivers Edge	Sally Ballin
Nadia Mitchell	105 Rivers Edge Dr.	Nadia Mitchell
Judith E. Venners	103 Rivers Edge Drive Burlington VT	Judith E. Venners
John L. V. H. & George	157 R. V. H. Edge Dr. N. H.	John L. V. H. & George

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PETER TAYLOR	73 Forest St	Peter Taylor
Jacqueline Delibac	53 Forest St	Jacqueline Delibac
WAYNE A DUTCHMAN	53 FOREST ST	Wayne A Dutchman
Sieglinde LaBelle	39 Forest St.	Sieglinde LaBelle
Clement F LaBelle	39 Forest	Clement F LaBelle
LEONARD A. DUTCHMAN	210 31 FOREST	Leonard A. Dutchman
DONALD R BELL	210 31 FOREST CT.	Donald R Bell
DONALD L CARR	25 FOREST ST	Donald L Carr
George Wood	25 Forest ST.	George Wood
Kate Whitman	18 Forest St.	Kate Whitman
Micha Whitman	18 Forest St.	Micha Whitman
Elizabeth Wood	32 Forest St.	Elizabeth Wood
Butch Chamberlain	48 Forest St.	Butch Chamberlain
Sheryl Chamberlain	48 Forest St.	Sheryl Chamberlain
Daphrose	56 FOREST ST	Daphrose
PAUL PEREZ	66 FOREST ST	Paul Perez
JEFFY DELISIE	79 Forest	Jeffy Delisie
Nancy Gall	167 Rivers Edge	Nancy Gall
Molly Jarvis	165 Rivers Edge	Molly Jarvis
Sarah Whitehouse	157 Rivers Edge Dr	Sarah Whitehouse
Beulah Delibac	151 Rivers Edge Dr.	Beulah Delibac
Tsering Choden	112 Rivers Edge Dr	Tsering Choden
Ngodup Dolma	112 RIVERS EDGE DR	Ngodup Dolma
Francis L. Ketur	100 Rivers Edge Dr.	Francis L. Ketur
Robert Dunn	800 Puntisburg Ave	Robert Dunn
Michael Palmer	163 RIVERS EDGE DR	Michael Palmer
JULIE HILL	163 RIVERS EDGE DR.	Julie Hill
Nicholas G Branch	7 Borestone Ln	Nicholas G Branch
Lawrence Whitehouse	157 Rivers Edge Dr	Lawrence Whitehouse
ASHLEY WHITEHOUSE	157 Rivers Edge Dr	Ashley Whitehouse
26 Branchman Bungalow	51 Northview Drive	26 Branchman Bungalow
DAN KABLER	9 Borestone Ln	Dan Kabler
Harold Bengtson	31 Northview Drive	Harold Bengtson

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Sherrine Lee & Dick Dube	96 N. View Drive	Sherrine Lee & Dick Dube
KIMMIE JONES	1984 North Ave	KIMMIE JONES
Robert Peterson	40 River View Dr. Burlington VT	Robert Peterson
Cheryl T. Bell	48 RIVER VIEW DRIVE VT	Cheryl T. Bell
Robert Bell	102 NORTH VIEW DR	Robert Bell
Robert T. Payne	168 Rivers Edge Dr.	Robert T. Payne
Theresa C. Payne	" " "	Theresa C. Payne
Karen Rowell	98 Northview Dr.	Karen Rowell
Aldin Konjuhovic	75 Northview Dr	Aldin Konjuhovic
Sabahudin Konjuhovic	" "	Sabahudin Konjuhovic
Elvira Konjuhovic	" "	Elvira Konjuhovic
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Francisco Molina	18 Woods St Burlington,	Francisco Molina
JOHN HIXZ	18 N. VIEW DR. BURL.	JOHN HIXZ
Lindy Mullington	51 North View Dr	Lindy Mullington
LOUIS BILADEAU	23 NORTH VIEW DR.	LOUIS BILADEAU
Jacqueline Bilodeau	23 Northview Dr.	Jacqueline Bilodeau
John Ewing	34 River View Dr.	John Ewing
JANE W	" "	JANE W
Craig Lavette	29 River View Dr.	Craig Lavette
Dennis P. Smith	1984 North Ave	Dennis P. Smith
Brandon Bates	47 Forest street	Brandon Bates
Walter Bates	47 Forest St.	Walter Bates
Melissa Rozestanden	11 BORESTONE LN	Melissa Rozestanden
on Anderson	111 River's Edge Drive	on Anderson
Christopher L. Eide	113 River Edge	Christopher L. Eide
Martie Majors	115 Rivers Edge Dr	Martie Majors
Dan Zabiegalko	125 Rivers Edge Dr.	Dan Zabiegalko
Matt Boucher	127 Rivers Edge Dr	Matt Boucher
Ann Gotham	78 Borestone Lane	Ann Gotham
WAFIB COSABIC	67 Borestone Lane.	WAFIB COSABIC
PATRICIA BRANCH	153 RIVERS EDGE DR	PATRICIA BRANCH
Christine Hennings	1 BORESTONE AVENUE	Christine Hennings
Samille Hurley	111 River's Edge Drive	Samille Hurley
Patrick Hurley	117 Rivers Edge Drive Burlington	Patrick Hurley
Virginia LeBeau	117 Rivers Edge Drive	Virginia LeBeau
MARK DUNN	79 Forest St	MARK DUNN
HEATHER DUNN	83 BORESTONE LN Burlington VT	HEATHER DUNN
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Jerry Woodhouse	20 Borestone Lane Burl	Jerry W. Woodhouse
Toni Rose Bush		
Bertina Gasterline	46 Borestone Lane	Bertina Gasterline
Ruth + Pat Kearney	54 Borestone Lane	Ruth Kearney
Kristen Hersey	42 Borestone Lane	Kristen Hersey
DEAN WEAVER	18 BORESTONE LANE	Dean Weaver
Darrall Young	17 FOREST ST	Darrall Young
Randal Young	101 RIVER'S EDGE DRIVE	Randal Young
Ann Harrington	3 Borestone Lane	Ann M. Harrington
Kevin Long	61 Borestone Lane	Kevin Long
Marcha Benson	65 Borestone Lane	Marcha Benson
Anna George	153 RIVER'S EDGE	Anna George
Donna M. Powell	67 Northview Dr	Donna M. Powell
David C. Francis	67 Northview Dr	David C. Francis
Lisa A. Wood	101 River's Edge Dr	Lisa A. Wood
Patrick Hetherington	15 Borestone Ln	Patrick Hetherington
Dale Gleason	72 Borestone Lane	Dale Gleason
Justin Whitcomb	155 RIVER'S EDGE DR	Justin Whitcomb

Norm Baldwin

From: Martin Lee
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: Rivers Edge Dr. Gate

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From: Pat & Nick Branch [mailto:patnickbranch@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>
Subject: Rivers Edge Dr. Gate

Hi Martin,

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Please note that for every opponent who is able to attend the 12/7 meeting there will be many young working families who cannot due to the difficult time of day. Many of the proponents of opening the gate are older without young children and will more easy be able to attend.

Please leave it closed.

Thanks,

Nick Branch

7 Borestone Lane

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Norm Baldwin

From: Laura Wheelock
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 4:46 PM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: Rivers Edge Dr. Gate

Here is another one.

Laura K. Wheelock P.E.
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From: Pat & Nick Branch [mailto:patnickbranch@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 10:07 AM
To: Laura Wheelock <lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov>
Subject: Rivers Edge Dr. Gate

Hi Laura,

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Norm Baldwin

From: Martin Lee
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 8:32 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: River's Edge Drive

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From: terri agnelli [mailto:tagnelli@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 11:20 AM
To: Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>
Subject: River's Edge Drive

River's Edge is a pleasant community of neighbors. Our children play on the grounds, our pets go outside to enjoy the sunshine and roam around. We garden in our yards and invite neighbors over for backyard parties. We can do these things because we have a very low traffic volume and in part, because we know each other. We've all bought in to this lifestyle when we moved here. We like living here. It's nice here.

When I bought my condo, there was never any mention of opening the locked gate at the end of River's Edge Drive. Why would I, or anyone, want to live off a traffic cut through road? It was a selling point that the gate would remain locked and River's Edge Drive would be closed to outside traffic.

If it's a matter of emergency access to other neighborhoods, that chain and lock can be removed with a bolt cutter. I wouldn't want to stand in the way of a life or death emergency, but why now? What's the emergency threat you envision as public officials? What emergency situation has happened that our quiet community stands in the way of? How can you even consider altering the character of our neighborhood to bring in more traffic? Don't forget about a lowering of resale values of our condominiums (and don't think that's not going to happen). Opening access of River's Edge to outside traffic would change the peaceful character of our homesite.

I've sunk a huge portion of my money into the buying, maintaining and tax paying of my condominium. I've done this because my home in River's Edge community is a pleasant, safe, orderly and quiet neighborhood. I don't want it ruined by allowing cut through traffic, more traffic danger for our pets and ourselves, and a reduction of our property values.

Why should the City want to ruin our quiet, safe and peaceful neighborhood to accommodate more traffic, more noise and less safety?

There are plenty of other streets you can open up to outside traffic. Have you even proven that this action is needed for the betterment of the City of Burlington? Please make a different plan. Do not open the locked gate at the end of River's Edge!

Terri Agnelli
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Norm Baldwin

From: Martin Lee
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 8:36 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: Regarding the Gate

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From: Almir konjuhovac [mailto:konjuha1@bsdvt.org]
Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2016 3:21 PM
To: Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>
Subject: Regarding the Gate

Hello Martin, I am writing to you concerning the gate, and I am sure many others are writing to you as well, as a concerned father, and resident of this quiet, tight knit neighborhood, I just want to express that, that would very much effect us in a negative way, not only would opening the gate inevitably increase automobile traffic, it would increase the amount of noise there is, already having been through problems with the bus route, noise in a small neighborhood like this echoes, and we can all hear it from a distance. Also, it would most certainly effect me personally, having a 5 year old daughter, knowing I can trust the neighborhood I'm in, makes life a lot easier and less stressful, the last thing this neighborhood needs is people driving fast and unsafely, and us having to worry about it so close to our homes. Thank you for taking the time in reading this email. Please note that this communication and any response to it will be maintained as a public record and may be subject to disclosure under the Vermont Public Records Act.

Norm Baldwin

From: Karen Rowell <karenburlington@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 9:58 AM
To: Norm Baldwin; Maxwell Tracy; ishannon@burlingtonvt.gov; Chapin Spencer; Laura Wheelock; Martin Lee; Kurt Wright; Dave Hartnett; Joan Shannon
Subject: Re: Rivers Edge Gate 2ND REQUEST

Please advise. See below - Seeing the DPW is reneging on it's former criteria we need to know the new criteria before the December 7th meeting.

From: Karen Rowell <karenburlington@yahoo.com>
To: "nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov" <nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov>; "mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov" <mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov>; "ishannon@burlingtonvt.gov" <ishannon@burlingtonvt.gov>; "cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov" <cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov>; "lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov" <lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov>; "mlee@burlingtonvt.gov" <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>; Kurt Wright <kwright@burlingtonvt.gov>; Dave Hartnett <davehartnett1@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 1:23 PM
Subject: Rivers Edge Gate

To those concerned: (I've blind copied a group)

The woman who started the push to open the gate recently moved here from out of state and begin this movement with a made up story. The lie is that if there was a catastrophe we could not get out. Contrary to this story - both the police and fire departments have a key to the gate. Also if this nonexistent catastrophe were to happen, which it never will, the road to Rivers Edge would fill up and the backup would be at the opening Plattsburg Ave. It does not bring an additional egress, just cars waiting in a different area. In addition, the person who lives on the corner near the gate has a set of bolt cutters which would quickly open the gate if it was ever needed, which it never will.

I find it interesting that this person has chosen to purchase her home in a community, Northshore, which, much like Rivers Edge, has very little traffic due to it's lay out and design. I imagine the lack of traffic was one of the larger reasons why she purchased her home as it was for those in Rivers Edge and the surrounding area. It is beyond selfish to me for her - and those in her community that have signed on with her - to then go to another community who has also chosen their homes for the same reason she did and move to take away this benefit that she enjoys from her neighbors. I would never ever do that to my neighbors.

How would this person like it if we organized a "drive through" which would consist of all of the folks on the streets by the gate to go over and drive right by her house in Northshore every morning and night and throughout the day, each time we leave our homes, in her "low traffic" development?

I am so sick of people getting to move here, decide they are smarter than all of their neighbors, make up a lie to get what they want, and RUIN the nice neighborhood made up of people who signed on for the current traffic pattern and community design that they themselves get to continue to enjoy.

If a person moves here and embraces Vermont for the special place (it was), then they are welcome with open arms - and we in turn embrace the new ideas they bring to enhance the surroundings. However, if they come and selfishly change surrounding neighborhoods in a negative way to suit their wants, not needs. Or if they try to make Vermont more like where they came from - then I can honestly say I wish they would please just move back where they came from and leave us

alone and as far as I'm concerned they are not welcome here. I like my neighborhood, that is why I purchased my home here. Why does this group get to come along and drastically change our neighborhood in a negative way and have absolutely nothing happen to theirs when they were obviously seeking and have received what they are setting out to destroy for us?

I really don't know why this is moving forward when we were told by DPW that 30% of the people directly effected had to be on board. This percentage has not been obtained. However, the city of Burlington changes the rules as they go along. So if you could please update us on what the new rule is we would be greatly interested to learn the new criteria.

Please advise.

I'd like to add, I wish you who have the power to make this happen or not happen would take a moment to consider how you would feel if someone did this to your home and community when once again, it is completely unnecessary. Please do the right thing.

Karen L. Rowell
98 Northview Drive

Norm Baldwin

From: Norm Baldwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:36 AM
To: 'maykjar9@msn.com'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme
Subject: Upcoming Dec. 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Jennifer,

Thank you for your email regarding the Rivers Edge Drive Gate.

Your email will be shared with the Transportation Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council. You are welcome to attend the upcoming meeting scheduled for Wednesday December 7th at 5:00 pm in the front conference room at our Offices at 645 Pine Street.

If there are any further questions you are welcome to give me a call.

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Norm Baldwin

From: Norm Baldwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:39 AM
To: 'chrisandmimi@comcast.net'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec. 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Chris,

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Norm Baldwin

From: Norm Baldwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:41 AM
To: 'cheechkehoe@comcast.net'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec. 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Stephanie and Cheech Kehoe,

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Norm Baldwin

From: Norm Baldwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:45 AM
To: 'konjuhal@bsdvt.org'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec. 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Almir,

Thank you for your email regarding the Rivers Edge Drive Gate.

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Norm Baldwin

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Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:47 AM
To: 'tagnelli@gmail.com'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec. 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Terri,

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Norm Baldwin

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Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:48 AM
To: 'ctdion@yahoo.com'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec. 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Chris & Tony,

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Norm Baldwin

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To: 'amanda.siegel@gmail.com'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec. 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Amanda,

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Norm Baldwin

From: Norm Baldwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:52 AM
To: 'patnickbranch@gmail.com'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Nick,

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Laura Wheelock

From: Diane Morris <dmorris@dt.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 3:06 PM
To: Laura Wheelock
Cc: 'Morris, Diane'
Subject: River's Edge Drive gate issue = 12/7/16 meeting

Hello Laura Wheelock,

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Norm Baldwin

From: Martin Lee
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 8:50 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: River's Edge Drive gate issue = 12/7/16 meeting

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From: Diane Morris [mailto:dmorris@dt.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 3:07 PM
To: Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>
Cc: 'Morris, Diane' <dineymorris@comcast.net>
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Norm Baldwin

From: Sally Ballin <sallyballin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 10:10 PM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: Petition to open gate on Rivers Edge Drive, 12/7/16

Dear Mr. Baldwin,

I live in the Rivers Edge development, one of the neighborhoods that will experience a huge impact from traffic short-cutting from the North Shore development to the Beltline.

The connecting road from the "gate" to Plattsburg Avenue, Rivers Edge Drive, is not designed for high-volume traffic. It's a fairly narrow 15-MPH road, with parking along one side and the bike path along the other side.

Frequently, kids on bikes, dog walkers, and others walk in the street because the sidewalks are narrow. Their safety would be constantly endangered by cars racing thru the development. I say 'racing' because occasionally cars do speed through when a driver is not aware of the barrier., whipping around a blind corner, which could have deadly results. People who are not residents here are not aware of kids in the street and do not respect the speed limit.

Furthermore, the additional traffic noise would diminish the peace and tranquility of our neighborhood and, hence, our quality of life. Stress from increased traffic and increased air pollution would contribute negatively, as well. Potentially, traffic could be backed up at the Plattsburg Avenue light, preventing residents from getting out of their driveways. An NPR report a few months ago described this very situation, caused when a new phone app informed commuters of ways to avoid traffic delays in Los Angeles--another detrimental impact of a neighborhood becoming a thoroughfare.

Lastly, I believe the petitioner has overstated reasons for removing the gate when it is really a simple matter of personal convenience to find a shortcut to the Beltline and avoid a delay on North Avenue at certain times of the day.

I respectfully request that the petition be denied.
Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sally Ballin
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Burlington, VT 05408

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Norm Baldwin

From: Martin Lee
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 8:51 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: Opening the gate on Rivers Edge Dr., 12/7/16

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From: Sally Ballin [<mailto:sallyballin@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 10:14 PM
To: Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>
Subject: Opening the gate on Rivers Edge Dr., 12/7/16

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Laura Wheelock

From: Sally Ballin <sallyballin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 10:14 PM
To: Laura Wheelock
Subject: Opening the gate on Rivers Edge Drive, 12/7/16

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Norm Baldwin

From: Bill LaMothe <bill.lamothe@asicnorth.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 6:22 AM
To: Norm Baldwin; Maxwell Tracy; Joan Shannon; Chapin Spencer; Laura Wheelock; Martin Lee
Cc: Jeany LaMothe
Subject: Gate at end of River's Edge Drive

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is William LaMothe and I live at 22 Borestone Lane in the River's Edge Condo Association.

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Sincerely,
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22 Borestone Lane
Burlington, VT

Norm Baldwin

From: Chapin Spencer
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 11:49 AM
To: Bill LaMothe; Norm Baldwin; Maxwell Tracy; Joan Shannon; Laura Wheelock; Martin Lee
Cc: Jeany LaMothe
Subject: RE: Gate at end of River's Edge Drive

Hello Bill:

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Best,
Chapin

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From: Bill LaMothe [mailto:bill.lamothe@asicnorth.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 6:22 AM
To: Norm Baldwin <nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov>; Maxwell Tracy <mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov>; Joan Shannon <jshannon@burlingtonvt.gov>; Chapin Spencer <cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov>; Laura Wheelock <lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov>; Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>
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Norm Baldwin

From: Chapin Spencer
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 11:52 AM
To: Diane Morris
Cc: 'Morris, Diane'; Laura Wheelock; Martin Lee; Norm Baldwin
Subject: RE: River's Edge Drive gate issue = 12/7/16 meeting

Hello Diane:

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From: Diane Morris [mailto:dmorris@dt.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 3:06 PM
To: Chapin Spencer <cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov>
Cc: 'Morris, Diane' <dineymorris@comcast.net>
Subject: River's Edge Drive gate issue = 12/7/16 meeting

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Norm Baldwin

From: doctordonna1@juno.com
Sent: Saturday, November 26, 2016 6:36 PM
To: Norm Baldwin; Maxwell Tracy; Martin Lee
Subject: River's Edge Gate

Dear Commissioners, My family of four have live on Northview Dr near the gate since 1994. We live across from the bank of the Winooski River. Our street floods with every rain, which necessitates my husband Dave to go out and rake open paths for drainage. This happens every season of the year. The bank has seen a moderate amount of erosion as well over the years that concerns us.

If the gate is open for the simple driving convenience of others, you will have more erosion of the road and bank with an increased volume of traffic, plowing and sanding. We still have 2 weak eroding spots on our road that are getting worse at this time. We also have a dark road at night with no sidewalks which would make it unsafe for children and adults alike walking home from the bus. Right now the traffic is minimal and shoulder wide enough to accommodate all pedestrians, bikers, and dogs.

It is just unnecessary to disrupt this quiet neighborhood of diverse families on either side of the gate. We all take care of our properties, many with front yard gardens. During every season young families walk our road with their children and stop to chat as we work on our home fronts. We have never had a problem going the extra 1/4 mile to get to Plattsburgh Ave and the Beltline via North Ave.

I have no doubt that if an emergency arose, a simple truck could break through that gate. Hopefully, that day will never come. Waiting for the police or fire company to respond would be fine as well.

I will be out of town the day of the meeting. I hope you will decide to keep the gate locked .
In community, Donna

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Medical Director
Living Well Group

Norm Baldwin

From: Laura Wheelock
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 9:08 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: River's Edge Gate

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Public Works Engineer*

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From: doctordonna1@juno.com [mailto:doctordonna1@juno.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 26, 2016 6:47 PM
To: Joan Shannon <jshannon@burlingtonvt.gov>; Chapin Spencer <cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov>; Laura Wheelock <lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov>
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Sincerely,
William T. LaMothe
22 Borestone Lane
Burlington, VT

Norm Baldwin

From: Martin Lee
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 9:10 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: River's Edge Gate Phone Messages

Hi Norm,

Over the last week I have received 3 phone messages from folks regarding the River's Edge Gate:

- Roger Pellerin at 102 Northview Drive is against opening the gate and he did not leave a phone number
- Ann Harrington at 3 Borestone Lane is against opening the gate because it would be dangerous. Her number is 802-373-4262 and I will give her a call to let her know that she can send written comments to your email address and that she is welcome to attend the TEUC meeting.
- Someone who lives at the end of Forrest Street left a message that they are against opening the gate.

Martin

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Norm Baldwin

From: Chapin Spencer
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 10:37 AM
To: Karen Rowell; Norm Baldwin; Maxwell Tracy; ishannon@burlingtonvt.gov; Laura Wheelock; Martin Lee; Kurt Wright; Dave Hartnett; Joan Shannon
Subject: RE: Rivers Edge Gate 2ND REQUEST

Hello Karen,

Thank you for your email regarding the Rivers Edge Drive gate. Our apologies if we had not yet replied to your first email. City Engineer Norm Baldwin and I were taking turns replying to these emails over the Thanksgiving week.

Yes, the City Engineer did state that the requestor would need a petition demonstrating at least 30% of those directly impacted to support further study of opening the gate. That remains the Department of Public Works' position. The department received a petition from the requestor and we have been reviewing the petition to see if it meets the threshold. As you likely know, we also have received a petition in opposition to opening the gate. The City Engineer is preparing his response today and it is our aim to have this document ready tomorrow (Tuesday) for public circulation.

Your email will also be shared with the Transportation Energy and Utilities Committee (TEUC) of the City Council. The TEUC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 7th at 5:00 pm in the front conference room at our Offices at 645 Pine Street. As mentioned above, Public Works staff will publicly circulate our recommendation in advance of the TEUC meeting and you are welcome to submit additional written comments if desired. The public input has been helpful in our review of this issue.

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Best,
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From: Karen Rowell [mailto:karenburlington@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 9:58 AM
To: Norm Baldwin <nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov>; Maxwell Tracy <mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov>; ishannon@burlingtonvt.gov; Chapin Spencer <cspercer@burlingtonvt.gov>; Laura Wheelock <lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov>; Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>; Kurt Wright <kwright@burlingtonvt.gov>; Dave Hartnett <davehartnett1@aol.com>; Joan Shannon <jshannon@burlingtonvt.gov>
Subject: Re: Rivers Edge Gate 2ND REQUEST

Please advise. See below - Seeing the DPW is reneging on it's former criteria we need to know the new criteria before the December 7th meeting.

From: Karen Rowell <karenburlington@yahoo.com>

To: "nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov" <nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov>; "mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov" <mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov>; "jshannon@burlingtonvt.gov" <jshannon@burlingtonvt.gov>; "cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov" <cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov>; "lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov" <lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov>; "mlee@burlingtonvt.gov" <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>; Kurt Wright <kwright@burlingtonvt.gov>; Dave Hartnett <davehartnett1@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 1:23 PM

Subject: Rivers Edge Gate

To those concerned: (I've blind copied a group)

The woman who started the push to open the gate recently moved here from out of state and begin this movement with a made up story. The lie is that if there was a catastrophe we could not get out. Contrary to this story - both the police and fire departments have a key to the gate. Also if this nonexistent catastrophe were to happen, which it never will, the road to Rivers Edge would fill up and the backup would be at the opening Plattsburg Ave. It does not bring an additional egress, just cars waiting in a different area. In addition, the person who lives on the corner near the gate has a set of bolt cutters which would quickly open the gate if it was ever needed, which it never will.

I find it interesting that this person has chosen to purchase her home in a community, Northshore, which, much like Rivers Edge, has very little traffic due to it's lay out and design. I imagine the lack of traffic was one of the larger reasons why she purchased her home as it was for those in Rivers Edge and the surrounding area. It is beyond selfish to me for her - and those in her community that have signed on with her - to then go to another community who has also chosen their homes for the same reason she did and move to take away this benefit that she enjoys from her neighbors. I would never ever do that to my neighbors.

How would this person like it if we organized a "drive through" which would consist of all of the folks on the streets by the gate to go over and drive right by her house in Northshore every morning and night and throughout the day, each time we leave our homes, in her "low traffic" development?

I am so sick of people getting to move here, decide they are smarter than all of their neighbors, make up a lie to get what they want, and RUIN the nice neighborhood made up of people who signed on for the current traffic pattern and community design that they themselves get to continue to enjoy.

If a person moves here and embraces Vermont for the special place (it was), then they are welcome with open arms - and we in turn embrace the new ideas they bring to enhance the surroundings. However, if they come and selfishly change surrounding neighborhoods in a negative way to suit their wants, not needs. Or if they try to make Vermont more like where they came from - then I can honestly say I wish they would please just move back where they came from and leave us alone and as far as I'm concerned they are not welcome here. I like my neighborhood, that is why I purchased my home here. Why does this group get to come along and drastically change our neighborhood in a negative way and have absolutely nothing happen to theirs when they were obviously seeking and have received what they are setting out to destroy for us?

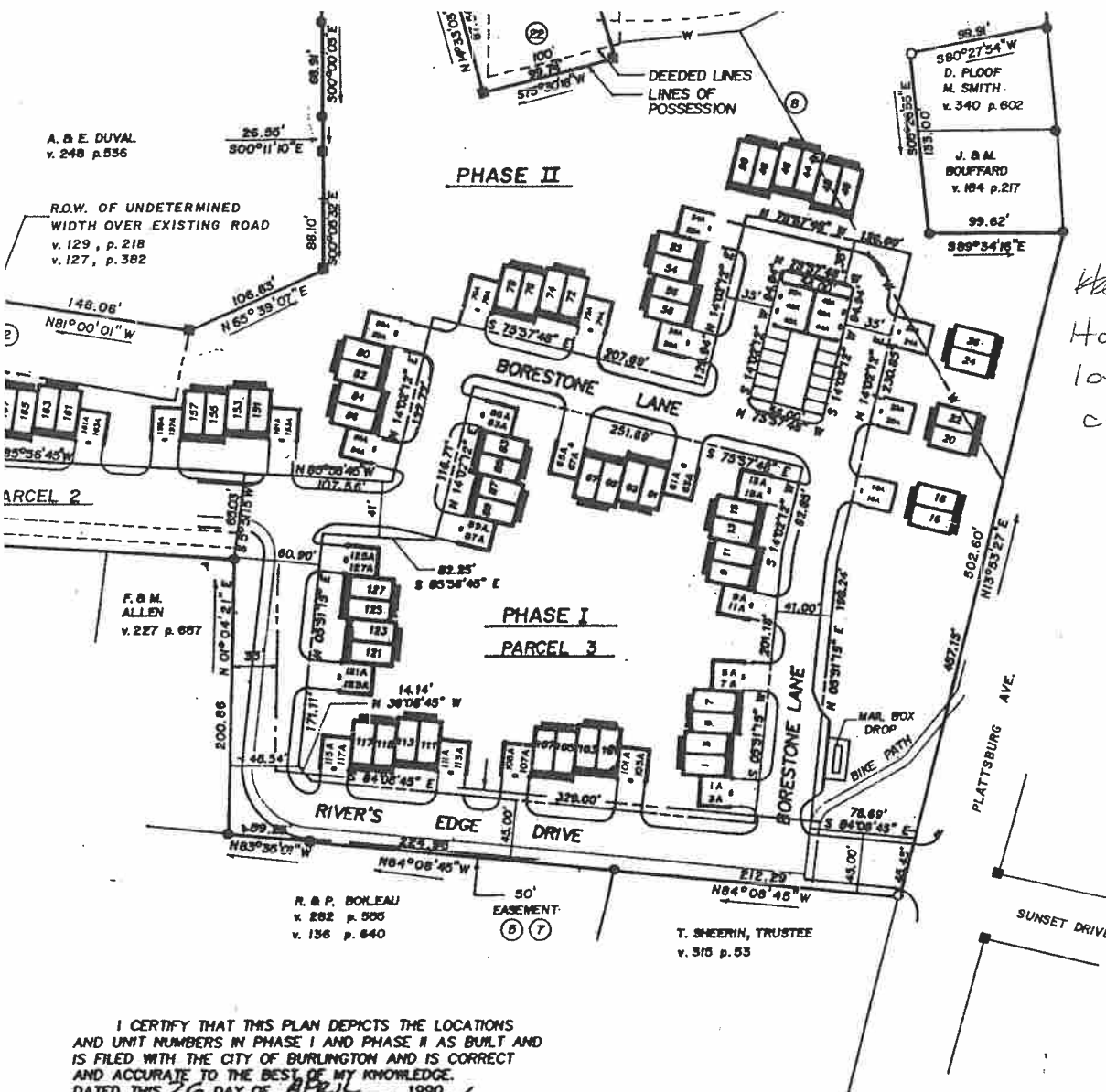
I really don't know why this is moving forward when we were told by DPW that 30% of the people directly effected had to be on board. This percentage has not been obtained. However, the city of Burlington changes the rules as they go along. So if you could please update us on what the new rule is we would be greatly interested to learn the new criteria.

Please advise.

I'd like to add, I wish you who have the power to make this happen or not happen would take a moment to consider how you would feel if someone did this to your home and community when once again, it is completely unnecessary. Please do the right thing.

Karen L. Rowell
98 Northview Drive

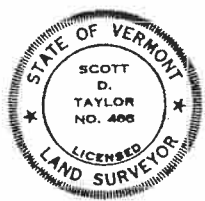
Please note that this communication and any response to it will be maintained as a public record and may be subject to disclosure under the Vermont Public Records Act.



I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN DEPICTS THE LOCATIONS AND UNIT NUMBERS IN PHASE I AND PHASE II AS BUILT AND IS FILED WITH THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AND IS CORRECT AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. DATED THIS 26 DAY OF APRIL, 1990.

Scott D. Taylor
VERMONT LAND SURVEYOR
LICENSE NO. 438

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL, 1990.
Audrey E. Robinson
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 2/10/91



" RIVER'S EDGE "

PHASE I & II

NORTH VIEW DRIVE & PLATTSBURG AVE.

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

TRUDELL CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

14 Blair Park Road Box 308 W. Wiston, Vermont 05495 (802) 879-6331

Project number 88085

Project mgr. SDT Drawn BNB

Date 8/17/88 Scale 1"=80'

Field Book 129 Disk 23

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Map slide 223E
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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
 Received 5-10-1994 at 8:22 AM
 and recorded in Vol. 617 on Page 35
 of Burlington Land Records.
 Vermont Property Transfer Tax 32 V.S.A. Chap. 231
 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 Return, Certificate & Payment Received

Attest:

J. LaMarche
 Jo LaMarche, Asst. City Clerk

WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That NORTSHORE PARTNERSHIP II, a Vermont general partnership, of Williston, County of Chittenden, State of Vermont, GRANTOR, in consideration of Ten and More Dollars paid to its full satisfaction by THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, a municipal corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Vermont, GRANTEE, by these presents does freely GIVE, GRANT, SELL, CONVEY, and CONFIRM unto the said GRANTEE, THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, and its successors and assigns forever, a certain piece of land situated in the City of Burlington, in the County of Chittenden, and State of Vermont, described as follows, viz:

River's Edge Drive and Borestone Lane

Being a parcel of land bounded by two concentric boundaries, the outer boundary being described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Plattsburg Avenue, which point marks the intersection of the westerly side of Plattsburg Avenue and the northeasterly most corner of lands now or formerly of T. Sheerin, Trustee, Volume 315, Page 53, Land Records of the City of Burlington, and the southeasterly corner of the lands of GRANTOR; thence proceeding N 84° 08' 45" W a distance of 212.29 feet, to a point; thence proceeding N 84° 08' 45" W a distance of 224.96 feet, to a point; thence proceeding N 83° 35' 01" W a distance of 59.25 feet, to a point; thence turning to a bearing of N 01° 04' 21" E a distance of 200.86 feet, to a point; thence proceeding N 05° 51' 15" E a distance of 59.03 feet, to a point marked by a concrete monument; thence proceeding S 86° 32' 26" E a distance of 108.93 feet, to a point; thence turning to a bearing of N 14° 02' 12" E a distance of 125.31 feet, to a point; thence turning to a bearing of S 75° 57' 48" E a distance of 208.19 feet, to a point; thence continuing S 75° 57' 48" E a distance of 119.50 feet, to a point; thence turning to a bearing of S 14° 02' 12" W a distance of 57.04 feet, to a point marked by an iron pin; thence proceeding S 05° 51' 15" W a distance of 28.10 feet, to a point; thence proceeding S 14° 02' 12" W for a distance of 14.05 feet, to a point marked by an iron pin; thence proceeding S 05° 51' 15" W for a distance of 198.24 feet, to a point; thence turning to a bearing of S 84° 08' 45" E a distance of 76.69 feet, to a point on the westerly side of Plattsburg Avenue; thence turning to a bearing of S 13° 53' 27" W a distance of 45.45 feet along the westerly side of Plattsburg Avenue, to the Point or Place of Beginning of said outer boundary.

The inner boundary is described as follows:

Beginning at a point located approximately 119.69 feet from the westerly side of Plattsburg Avenue and 39.00 feet northerly of lands of T. Sheerin, Trustee, Volume 315, Page 53, and being located on the outside edge of the sidewalk located at the southeasterly corner of lands depicted as "Phase I, Parcel 3," on the plat referenced above, and also being the northwesterly corner of the intersection of River's Edge Drive and Borestone Lane as depicted on the plat referenced herein; N 84° 08' 45" W a distance of 335.00 feet, to a point; thence turning to a bearing of N 34° 30' 37" W a distance of 10.50 feet, to a point; thence turning to a bearing of N 06° 10' 30" E a distance of 178.24 feet, to a point; thence turning to a bearing of S 85° 56' 45" E a distance of 76.19 feet, to a point marked by a concrete monument; thence turning to a bearing of N 14° 02' 12" E a distance of 117.37 feet; thence turning to a bearing of N 70° 20' 48" E for a distance of 7.21 feet, to a point; thence turning to S 75° 57' 48" E a distance of 251.69 feet, to a point; thence turning to a bearing of S 32° 25' 56" E for a distance of 5.52 feet, to a point; thence proceeding S 12° 11' 17" W a distance of 62.63 feet, to a point; thence proceeding S 06° 29' 33" W a distance of 161.58 feet, to a point; thence proceeding S 11° 18' 24" W for a distance of 44.20 feet, to the Point or Place of Beginning of said inner boundary. Said lands are depicted on the above-referenced plat entitled "River's Edge, Phase I & II" as "RIVER'S EDGE DRIVE." and "BORESTONE LANE."

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Being a portion of the lands and premises conveyed to GRANTOR by Executor's Deed of Clyde E. Millington, Executor of the Estate of Ruth W. Millington, dated September 13, 1989, recorded September 22, 1989, at Volume 406, Page 97, Land Records of the City of Burlington, Vermont.

Also being depicted on a plat of land entitled "River's Edge, Phase I & II" by Trudell Consulting Engineers, Inc. dated August 17, 1988, last revised October 29, 1992, and recorded at Map Slide No. _____, all of the Land Records of the City of Burlington, Vermont.

This conveyance represents the dedication of said River's Edge Drive and Borestone Lane as public streets of the City of Burlington, Vermont. The acceptance of such streets as public streets of the City has been authorized by Resolution of the Burlington City Council.

Also included in this conveyance of Borestone Lane and River's Edge Drive are, and this Deed shall include, a quit claim of all of GRANTOR'S right, title and interest in and to the water lines and piping, including joints, valves, hydrants, and all other public utility lines and appurtenances now owned by Grantor lying within the above described property, but specifically excluding from this conveyance all building service lines and all stormwater catch basins, drains, piping, and appurtenances located within the boundaries of the above-described areas known as River's Edge, Phase I & II. Further excluded from this conveyance is the "horseshoe" parking lot section of Borestone Lane. It is understood that the River's Edge Condominium Association will be responsible for all maintenance in said horseshoe area.

Also excluded from this conveyance is that portion of River's Edge Drive which commences adjacent to the property designated as 151 River's Edge Drive and continues in a northwesterly direction to the gate which is adjacent to the property known as North View Drive. Such gate shall remain within the sole ownership and responsibility of the Grantor, its heirs and assigns and/or the River's Edge Condominium Association. The City shall have no responsibility for such gate. Included in this conveyance, however, is an eight-foot Easement and Right of Way being granted to the City of Burlington, running along the southwesterly most portion of that portion of River's Edge Drive not being conveyed to the City herein. This easement and right of way shall be perpetual in duration and shall be for the purpose of a publicly available pedestrian and bicycle path along such 8-foot width to Northview Drive. The City shall be responsible for maintaining such easement and right of way, and shall hold Grantor, its successors and assigns, free and clear from all liability associated with the existence, operation and maintenance of such easement and right of way. The location of said easement will not change without the consent of the River's Edge Condominium Association.

By its acceptance of this Warranty Deed, the City of Burlington hereby grants a general release to Grantor for the property conveyed herein for any and all further obligations to the City in connection with said property, except for defects of title.

The lands and premises are subject to Vermont Land Use Permit No. 4CO802 Waste Water Permit No. WW-4-0126, and Subdivision Permit No. EC-4-1400, and the easements, rights of way, and restrictions as referenced on the above-referenced plats and as of record.

Reference is hereby made to the above-described instruments, the records thereof, and to the references therein contained in further aid of this description.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to the said GRANTEE, THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, and its successors and assigns, to their own use and behalf forever; and the said GRANTOR, NORTSHORE PARTNERSHIP II, for itself and its successors and assigns, does covenant with the said GRANTEE, THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, and its successors and assigns, that until the ensembling of these presents, it is the sole owner of the premises and has good right and title to convey the same in manner aforesaid; and that they are

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FREE FROM EVERY ENCUMBRANCE, except as aforesaid; and it does hereby engage to WARRANT and DEFEND the same against all lawful claims whatever, except as set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NORTSHORE PARTNERSHIP II has caused its hand and seal to be set this 9th day of March 1999.

IN PRESENCE OF:

NORTSHORE PARTNERSHIP II

Keith Young
Kimberly J. Stuart

BY:

John R. Varsames
John R. Varsames
Its Duly Authorized Agent

STATE OF VERMONT
COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN, SS.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared JOHN R. VARSAMES, a duly authorized agent of NORTSHORE PARTNERSHIP II, to me known, and he acknowledged this instrument by him sealed and subscribed, to be his free act and deed and the free act and deed of NORTSHORE PARTNERSHIP II.

DATED this 9th day of March 1999.

Kimberly J. Stuart
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 2/10/03

The obligations of the City of Burlington specified herein are hereby understood and accepted.

CITY OF BURLINGTON

BY:

Mayor Peter Clavelle
Mayor Peter Clavelle
Duly Authorized Officer and
Representative

STATE OF VERMONT
COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN, SS.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared MAYOR PETER CLAVELLE, a duly authorized officer and representative of the CITY OF BURLINGTON, to me known, and he acknowledged this instrument by him sealed and subscribed, to be his free act and deed and the free act and deed of CITY OF BURLINGTON.

DATED this 9th day of March 1999.

Kimberly J. Stuart
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 2/10/03

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River's Edge Condominium Association hereby joins in this conveyance for the purpose of conveying the above-referenced eight-foot wide bicycle and pedestrian perpetual easement to the City of Burlington and also hereby accepts its obligations as specified herein.

IN PRESENCE OF:

Joseph E. McNeil
Kimberlee J. Skutumpah

RIVER'S EDGE CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION

BY: Brian Bouchard
Brian Bouchard
Its Duly Authorized Agent

STATE OF VERMONT
COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN, SS.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Brian Bouchard, a duly authorized agent of RIVER'S EDGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, to me known, and he acknowledged this instrument by him sealed and subscribed, to be his free act and deed and the free act and deed of RIVER'S EDGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION.

DATED this 9th day of March 1999.

Joseph E. McNeil
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 2/10/03

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Resolution Relating to

AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS-RIVER'S EDGE

Sponsor(s): _____

Introduced: 2/1/99

Referred to: _____

Action: passed

Date: 2-1-99

Signed by Mayor: _____

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and ~~Ninety-Nine~~.....
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That.....subject..to..the..approval..of..the..City..Engineer..and..the....
City Attorney, the Honorable Mayor Peter Clavelle be and hereby
is authorized to accept on behalf of the City a warranty deed
relating to the acceptance by the City as public streets the
following streets within the so-called River's Edge development:
North View Drive, River's Edge Drive and Borestone Lane, with the
exception of the "horseshoe" parking lot section thereof, all
with the understanding that all catch basins associated with this
development shall remain privately owned and maintained.

Norm Baldwin

From: Norm Baldwin
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 12:11 PM
To: 'Joyce Walsleben'; 'Julie Hill'
Cc: Martin Lee; David Hartnett; Kurt Wright; jeffpadgett10@gmail.com; Brian Lowe; Ayres, Tom; Chapin Spencer; Jordan Redell
Subject: City Council Transportation Energy and Utilities Committee Hearing regarding Rivers Edge Gate

Ladies,

I have scheduled your item to be heard by the City Council Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee(TEUC).

The Hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2016, 5 p.m. in the Front Conference Room at the Central Maintenance Facility located at 645 Pine Street.

At the meeting you both will have an opportunity to speak and present you best case why or why not the department should study the concept of opening the gate to Rivers Edge.

As staff I will provide my recommendation as well, I am currently examining all of the facts in the matter and I will shortly be providing you both with my recommendation in advance of the meeting.

I believe the final determination to advance or not advance this study request will rest with the Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee. I will leave this decision to member so the TEUC.

Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to seeing this through to final resolution.

Norman J. Baldwin, P.E.
City Engineer/Ass't Director
Burlington Public Works Department
645 Pine Street
Burlington, Vermont 05401

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Residents' Response to Joyce Walsleben's Petition to Remove the Gate at the End of Rivers Edge Drive

On April 26, 2016 Joyce Walsleben was instructed by the Mayor's Office, that for the DPW to consider further assessment of opening the gate at the end of Rivers Edge Drive she must collect signatures from at least 30% of the impacted households on **Northview Drive, Woods Street, Riverview Drive, Forest Street, Rivers Edge Drive and Borestone Lane**. On 9/21/2016 she presented a petition to the DPW that failed to collect even 3% of required signatures. 89 of the 90 homes, whose safety would be directly affected by this action were strongly opposed to her petition. We ask the DPW halt all deliberation of Ms. Walsleben's petition to consider opening the gate until all requirements are satisfied.

The residents of the 6 neighborhoods are not opposed to opening the emergency-access gate for a real emergency. The city Fire Marshall verified the gate satisfies requirements for emergency access and the gate can be easily opened by emergency responders.

Rivers Edge Drive is a street inside a resident-owned neighborhood. Ms. Walsleben's claim that River's Edge Drive has been maintained at taxpayer expense is misleading; the street has only ever received minimal city services. Since 2001, River's Edge Condo Association [RECA] has spent over \$195,000 servicing Rivers Edge Drive and Borestone Lane. This includes road maintenance in the form of paving, repairs and marking and residents pay for private snow removal.

Rivers Edge Drive and Northview Drive are local access roads not built for through traffic. Taxpayer expense to upgrade roadbeds, install curbs, fix drainage issues, install signage and traffic calming measures would be massive with negligible benefits to all residents of the New North End.

Rivers Edge Drive and Northview Drive are the bikeway connector from North Avenue to Plattsburgh Avenue and the bike route to Colchester. RECA paid for the bike lane marking.

The New North End has been torn apart by opposing views on the recent Pilot Project. The petition to open the gate at the end of Rivers Edge Drive is also dividing neighbors on the east and west sides of North Ave.

The disingenuous claims the author used to scare her neighbors into signing a petition for an unsafe shortcut from North Ave to Plattsburgh Ave are distasteful. How many of the signees have even gone into the neighborhoods they are proposing to disrupt the safety of?

The residents of Northview Drive, Riverview Drive, Forest Street, Woods Street, Rivers Edge Drive and Borestone Lane are unanimously opposed to removing the gate. These families, many of whom are original homeowners, do not fear imagined catastrophes, terror attacks or "beach dwellers who make fires". We respect our neighbors, enjoy the peace and safety of the New North End and trust that emergency services can open the gate if necessary.

One component of safe neighborhoods is defined as "eyes on the street", where neighbors walk or bike the streets or utilize public transport. Contemporary city planning challenges the idea of a "car first" methods to street design. Burlington is moving away from a "faster is better" approach with programs like the Safe Routes to School and the Safe and Complete Streets Initiative.

Traffic and vehicle incidents are a fact of city life. Sending traffic down unplanned routes is not the way to combat this.

The petitioner, who lives in a private, no public access development is asking families to sacrifice their safety for the sake of a shortcut to the Beltline "simply to get to work or a long awaited doctor's appointment in a timely fashion".

Julie Hill & Michael Palmer
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